

"Voodoo" Power May Be Tested By Court

LAWYER FIGHTS SENTENCE



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State Teachers Gather For Meet

CHARLOTTE — Hundreds of teachers from North Carolina public schools were expected to gather here this week-end for the 76th annual convention of the North Carolina Teachers Association. Stages for the three day meeting, beginning Thursday, will be Northwest Junior high school and Owen auditorium. "An Educated People Moves Freedom Forward" is the theme of this year's meeting. Prominent speakers scheduled to address public meetings of the convention were Dr. Martin Essex, superintendent of schools at Akron, Ohio, and Dr. J. W. L. Wallace, president of West Virginia State College. Dr. S. D. Williams, president of Elizabeth City Teachers College, and head of the NCTA, was also slated to be heard in the presidential address. Among the most important issues expected to confront the teachers this week-end were one involving a recommended pay raise and the unsolved matter of desegregation in public schools. The organization is expected to stamp its approval of the 19.1 percent recommended pay raise as a matter of routine. However, just what stand the convention will take on the segregation issue remained an open question early this week. Pre-convention speculation in some quarters even indicated that any action on the segregation issue may well be postponed and the issue pigeon-holed.

Woman Claims Neighbors Try To "Hex" Her With "Goofer Dust"

LUMBERTON — Can the stately majesty of the 20th century law cope with ancient art of black magic, or "voodoo?" At any rate, the good offices of Lumberton County Superior Court have been asked to call upon powers of the law to conquer the "voodoo." Last week, Mrs. Nettie Carmichael of near Maxton filed suit in court here, seeking an injunction to restrain her neighbors from practicing "voodoo" upon her. Mrs. Carmichael claims that her neighbors, Prentice and Mrs. Karo Blue have sought to cast a spell on her and make her afraid to occupy her home. She contends that they want to frighten her away so they can get her property. Citing evidence of the witchcraft, Mrs. Carmichael's petition said that Mr. and Mrs. Blue had placed on her property certain representations of graves and tombstones and other devices forecasting her death. She contends that all of this was done to cause her to leave and surrender her property to them. Among the items of wizardry practiced against her, she claims that "goofer dust" is being sprinkled on her property by defendants. "Goofer dust," she explained, consists of crushed tombstones. A bag of "goofer dust" was presented to presiding Judge Raymond B. Mallard as evidence. With proper judicial disdain for the "magic" powder, Judge Mallard placed the bag of dust under his desk. Hearing had not been set for the case early this week.

AS NEGRO INQUISITOR

Ervin Becoming Darling Of Southern Congressmen

By Alice A. Dunnigan
Special to the TIMES
WASHINGTON, D. C. — Senator Sam Ervin, Democrat of North Carolina, has justified his reputation on Capitol Hill as being a "cracker-jack" Constitutional lawyer. At the same time he is building up another claim to fame, that of an explorer. Not an explorer of ancient relics, but a searcher of skeletons in the closets of Negroes who appear before the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee in defense of their civil rights.

His latest victim is William Worthy, the Negro newsmen whose passport has been denied by the Department of State because he dared to enter Red China in defiance to a State Department order.

When Worthy appeared before the Constitutional Rights subcommittee recently to tell the story of how his Constitutional rights as a newspaper man had been violated, it was Ervin who began to pry into his draft status.

Ervin wanted to know if Worthy had served in World War II, and if not, why not. Worthy said he did not serve in the army because he was classified as 4-F due to a duodenal ulcer.

"Then," said Ervin, sarcastically, "you are testifying that you were exempt from the armed services because of a physical disability?"

Worthy replied that he was. It would appear that the question would have ended here, but it didn't. It has snowballed into a big hubbub that is apparently aimed at prosecuting the "conscientious" newspaperman.

A State Department official testified before the same committee the week following Worthy's appearance. He stated that they had investigated Worthy's record and had been informed by officials in Philadelphia that a man named William Worthy was indicted in 1944 for failure to report to a "conscientious objector's" camp. They were not certain whether this was the same William Worthy.

Worthy was contacted in Chicago where he had gone to make a speech, to get a confirmation or denial on this charge. Newsmen who talked with Worthy quoted him as saying he was classified as a Conscientious Objector in '43 and did refuse to go to the CO camp because the Government was assigning men geographically on the ground of race and color.

He denied, however, that he was ever charged with draft-dodging or evasion. The Department of Justice dropped prosecution "rather than face

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dragging out this 14-year-old charge. He said the Department was raising a "side issue" to divert attention from its refusal to permit the newsmen to enter China. And he added, the Department owes Worthy an apology.

Actually it was Senator Ervin who first raised the issue publicly, and he did not show up at any other time during the Committee hearings after he had posed the question.

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Senator Ervin is shown here during a Senate subcommittee hearing in his usual role as chief inquisitor of Negro witnesses. The Senator is making a name for himself in Congressional circles for his cleverness in invalidating witnesses of color.

Walker Case Headed Again For High Court

JACKSON — A challenge by an eastern North Carolina lawyer of a judgement of assault rendered against him by a Superior Court was again placed in the state judicial stream this week. The case against Attorney James R. Walker of Weldon, in Northampton Superior Court last August, appeared ended when the State Supreme Court rejected his appeal last month on the grounds that it was not filed in time.

However, Walker chose to go to jail for three days last week rather than submit to the judgement in order to challenge the constitutionality of the judgement under a post conviction statute.

Monday, a hearing was held on Walker's contention that his constitutional rights had been violated in the original judgement. However, Judge W. J. Bundy, presiding at the court hearing here, ruled against Walker and ordered him back to confinement until he complied with the judgement.

Attorneys Herman Taylor and Samuel Mitchell of Raleigh told the TIMES this week that they would file a writ of certiorari with the State Supreme Court sometime next week asking the court to hear the petition denied Monday by Judge Bundy.

Walker was set free Monday afternoon under \$500 bond after being jailed twice in two weeks in Northampton. He spent Wednesday, Thursday and (continued)

Sigma Gamma Rho Regional Opens In Durham

For the second time in as many weeks, Durham will be host to the regional meeting of a national sorority. This week-end, it will receive the Northeast regional meeting of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority.

Sessions of the regional meeting will open officially Saturday morning at North Carolina College, which will be the scene of the meetings.

The Northeast region of the sorority embraces all of the board states from Connecticut to North Carolina.

An informal entertainment Friday night, sponsored by the Business School sorority, will open the week-end activities. This affair, a "get acquainted party" will be held at Mrs. Isabel Harden's home.

On Saturday morning, following registration at nine, the first session of the regional meeting will get underway. The morning half of Saturday's session will be devoted to business meetings, and panel discussions and workshops, on the meeting theme, "Accepting the Challenge of This New Day," will be held.

Mrs. Alma Hawkins of Washington, D. C., regional director of the sorority, will conduct the morning sessions Saturday. Dr. Lorraine Williams of Howard University will be in charge of afternoon meetings.

The day's meetings will be broken by a luncheon at two o'clock at the North Carolina College dining hall. Mrs. Annie L. Neville of Rocky Mount will preside over the luncheon.

A round of social events has been planned by Durham Greek letter organizations for the visiting sorority members. In addition to the "get acquainted" party Friday night, an entertainment by the Durham Phi Hellenic Council is planned at a local niter.

Saturday morning, sorority members will be guests of the Iota Phi Lambda sorority at a coffee hour. Then, on Saturday night, a cocktail party and a semi-formal dance are on tap.

Officers of the host Beta Pi Sigma chapter are Mrs. Naomi Morgan, president; Miss Helen Morrison, vice-president; Mrs. Lillie Rogers, secretary; and Mrs. Georgia Whitted, treasurer.

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Pictured here are members of the North Carolina region of the Hampton Alumni association, who met last Saturday at Bricks. E. Kelly Bryant, standing extreme left, was selected by the organization at the North Carolina Hamptonian of the Year during the meeting. The two day meeting opened Saturday, and heard addresses from Mrs. Fannie Newsome of Rich Square, president of the state alumni association; Dossell Brooks, president of the national alumni body; Dr. William Martin, dean of the faculty at Hampton; an dL. E. Austin, publisher of the Carolina Times. Saturday's sessions were devoted to business meetings and a panel discussion led by H. V. Brown, member of the school trustee board; Mrs. Lennie P. Muse, Dr. Arthur Jackson, Y. J. Grigby and Robert Chivers. Rev. W. J. King, president of the Franklinton Center, welcomed delegates to the meeting

Combined Appeal For Colleges Underway

Dr. W. R. Strassner, president of Shaw University, will deliver the main address at the "kick-off" dinner for the United Negro College Fund drive at the Algonquin Club House next Monday night at 7 o'clock. All members of the Durham Inter-Alumni Council, which conducts the UNCF drive locally, are expected to be present. Plans for the 1957 drive will be announced at the dinner meeting by H. M. Holmes, principal of Hillside High School and chairman of the Fund Drive. Mr. Holmes was named to the new post recently, succeeding N. B. White, who headed the drive which netted the United Negro College Fund nearly \$3,000 last year. The United Negro College Fund represents a joint effort

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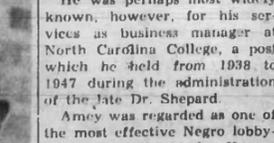
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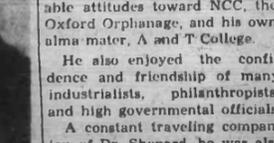
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Funeral services for Charles C. Amey, prominent Durhamite, were held Wednesday afternoon, April 10, at four o'clock at St. Joseph A.M.E. church. Dr. J. Neal Hughley, North Carolina College minister, delivered the eulogy. He was assisted by Rev. D. A. Johnston, pastor of St. Joseph.

Graveside rites were conducted at Beechwood cemetery following the church services. Amey died at Lincoln hospital Sunday, April 7, at 10:53 p.m. He had entered the hospital some five weeks prior after suffering a serious illness. His latest illness followed a partial recovery from burns suffered in a fall at his home some months ago.

A native of Durham, Amey was the son of the late Cornelius and Sara Amey. He received his formal training in the Durham public schools and at A and T College in Greens-

boro. As a young man, he served with a boarding school at High Point, A and T College and as cashier of Mechanics and Far-

mers Bank. He was perhaps most widely known, however, for his services as business manager at North Carolina College, a post which he held from 1938 to 1947 during the administration of the late Dr. Shepard. Amey was regarded as one of the most effective Negro lobbyists in legislative circles. He was credited with developing favorable attitudes toward NCC, the Oxford Orphanage, and his own alma mater, A and T College. He also enjoyed the confidence and friendship of many industrialists, philanthropists, and high governmental officials. A constant traveling companion of Dr. Shepard, he was also Dr. Shepard's emissary on numerous missions involving fund-raising, interracial goodwill, and politics. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mildred Amey of the home, 521

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